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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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2. On 3 January 1972 I again talked to [ ] about this subject. He said that the following quotes on page 6 were the only reason for classifying this document "Top Secret [ ] COMINT": "I am directing the retention of the present management structure of the National Reconnaissance Office" and "...for the conduct of U.S. communications intelligence and electronics intelligence activities." [ ] said that in his view it would be preferable to show the full document as it is written to selected members of Congress. They could of course not retain it because of the classification, but should they insist upon retaining a copy, he sees no reason why the above quotes could not be deleted and the document downgraded to "Secret."

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3. In concluding our conversation, [ ] said he does not know what his authority is for telling the Director what he can do with a Presidential document but that, insofar as OMB is concerned, it has no objection and in fact thinks the document should definitely be shown to selected members of Congress who have a legitimate interest in the subject.

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